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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gerald S. PULLMAN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1661
Application No.: 10/076,633) Examiner: Wendy C. Haas
Filed: February 19, 2002)
For: Methods for Increasing Conifer)
Somatic Embryo Initiation,)
Capture and Multiplication)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

In a restriction requirement dated June 3, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

I. Claims 1, 3-5, 31, 34, 35, and 65-67 drawn to a conifer tissue culture methods comprising a medium supplemented with biotin, classified in class 435, subclass 422.

II. Claims 2, 32 and 33, drawn to a plant tissue culture medium supplemented with biotin, classified in class 435, subclass 431.

III. Claims 6, 8-11, 36, 38-40 and 68-70, drawn to conifer tissue culture methods comprising a medium supplemented with folic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 422.

IV. Claims 7 and 37, drawn to a plant tissue culture medium supplemented with folic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 431.

V. Claims 12-14, 16, 18, 19, 41, 42, 44 and 71-73, drawn to conifer tissue culture methods comprising media with a controlled pH with or without the use of a buffer, classified in class 435, subclass 422.

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VI. Claims 15, 17, 43, 45-47, 74, 76, drawn to plant tissue culture media of a given pH range with or without a buffer, classified in class 435, subclass 431.

VII. Claims 20, 22, 23, 25-28, 48, 50-54, 77-82, drawn to conifer tissue culture methods comprising a medium comprising a gibberellin inhibitor, classified in class 435, subclass 422.

VIII. Claims 21, 24, and 49, drawn to a plant tissue culture medium comprising a gibberellin inhibitor, classified in class 435, subclass 431.

IX. Claims 29, 30, 55, 56, and 83-88, drawn to a conifer tissue culture method comprising culturing tissues in a closed container where the free exchange of gasses with the ambient atmosphere is fully prevented or selectively reduced, classified in class 435, subclass 422.

X. Claims 57, 58, and 89-91, drawn to a conifer tissue culture method comprising maintaining the atmospheric pressure of the culture vessel above 1 atmosphere, classified in class 435, subclass 422.

XI. Claims 59, 61-64, and 92-94, drawn to a conifer tissue culture method comprising a medium supplemented with abscisic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 422.

XII. Claim 60, drawn to a plant tissue culture medium comprising abscisic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 431.

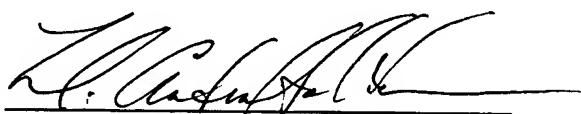
Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute Group VIII, claims 21, 24, and 49 drawn to a plant tissue culture medium comprising a gibberellin inhibitor, classified in class 435, subclass 431. (Office Action, p. 3.)

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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